

# CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO:	Residential Child Care Institutions Participating in National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs	ISSUE DATE: June 1998
FROM:	Nutrition Standards Unit	
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
SUBJECT:	Family Style Meal Service in Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI's)	

This Management Bulletin transmits information regarding the policy on family style meals for RCCI's on the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. This is a clarification of the national policy only and does not contain any new information.

The minimum practices for reimbursable family style meals are as follows:

- Enough food must be placed on the table to enable each child to receive the minimum portion of each component and to accommodate the supervising adult(s) if they eat with the children.
- Children must initially be offered the full minimum portion of each component.
- If the child does not initially accept the entire minimum portion of any component(s), it is the responsibility of the supervising adult(s) to actively encourage the child to take the full portion during the course of the meal.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Schneider, Child Nutrition Consultant, Nutrition Standards Unit, at (916) 322-1566 or leave a message at the toll free number (800) 952-5609.

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